

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 4 and 6 as follows.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A damper comprising:
  - a pressure tube forming a working chamber;
  - a reservoir tube disposed around said pressure tube, said reservoir tube forming a reservoir chamber between said pressure tube and said reservoir tube;
  - a base valve assembly disposed between said working chamber and said reservoir chamber for regulating flow of damping fluid in a first direction between said working chamber and said reservoir chamber, said base valve assembly comprising:
    - a valve body defining a fluid passage;
    - a first valve disc ~~disposed adjacent~~ abutting said valve body for closing said fluid passage, said first valve disc having a circular outside edge and a central axis;
    - a second valve disc ~~disposed adjacent~~ abutting said first valve disc, said second valve disc having an outer edge defined by an outer circular edge truncated only by a single outer chordal edge, said single outer chordal edge ~~supporting~~ defining a deflecting point for said first valve disc at a position between said circular outside edge and said central axis of said first valve disc.
2. (original) The damper according to Claim 1, further comprising a piston disposed within said working chamber, said piston dividing said working chamber into an upper portion and a lower portion, said base valve assembly being disposed between said lower portion of said working chamber and said reservoir chamber.

3. (previously presented) The damper according to Claim 1, wherein said base valve assembly includes a rebound valve assembly movable between a closed position and an open position, said rebound valve assembly regulating said flow of said damping fluid in a second direction between said working chamber and said reservoir chamber, said second direction being opposite to said first direction.

4. (currently amended) A damper comprising:

- a pressure tube forming a working chamber;
- a piston disposed within said working chamber, said piston dividing said working chamber into an upper working chamber and a lower working chamber;
- a reservoir tube disposed around said pressure tube, said reservoir tube forming a reservoir chamber between said pressure tube and said reservoir tube;
- a base valve assembly disposed between said lower working chamber and said reservoir chamber for regulating flow of damping fluid in a first direction between said lower working chamber and said reservoir chamber, said base valve assembly comprising:
  - a low speed valve movable between a closed position and an open position, said low speed valve including a first valve disc having an outside edge and a central axis and a second valve disc having an outer edge defined by an outer circular edge truncated only by a single outer chordal edge, said second valve disc ~~supporting~~ abutting said first valve disc to define a deflecting point for said first valve disc along

said single outer chordal edge at a position between said outside edge and said central axis of said first valve disc; and

a mid/high speed valve movable between a closed position and an open position, said mid/high speed valve ~~comprising~~ including only two valve discs, said two valve discs being said first and second valve discs.

5. (previously presented) The damper according to Claim 4, wherein said base valve assembly includes a pressure valve movable between a closed position and an open position, said pressure valve regulating said flow of said damping fluid in a second direction between said lower working chamber and said reservoir chamber, said second direction being opposite to said first direction.

6. (currently amended) A damper comprising;  
a pressure tube forming a working chamber;  
a piston disposed within said working chamber, said piston dividing said working chamber into an upper working chamber and a lower working chamber;

a piston valve assembly attached to said piston for regulating flow of damping fluid between said upper working chamber and said lower working chamber, said piston valve assembly comprising:

a low speed valve movable between a closed position and an open position, said low speed valve including a first valve disc having an outside edge and a central axis and a second valve disc having an outer edge defined by an outer circular edge truncated only by a single outer chordal edge, said second valve disc ~~supporting~~

abutting said first valve disc to define a deflection point for said first valve disc along said single outer chordal edge at a position between said outside edge and said central axis of said first valve disc; and

a mid/high speed valve movable between a closed position and an open position, said mid/high speed valve including only two valve discs, said two valve discs being said first and second valve discs.